

FROM THE FIELD OF LABOR

The Eight-Hour System Said to Be Working to Meet the Wishes of Its Promoters.

It is to Be Extended Next Year, and Probably in Time a Demand for Seven Hours Will Come—Labor Notes.

Thomas M. Gruelle, editor of the Labor Signal, said yesterday that the eight-hour system, where it has been adopted, is giving general satisfaction. This is the united report of the labor press of the country. Where at first there was some dissatisfaction on the part of the employers, it has now to a considerable degree passed away. "The painters of this city," he continued, "are more than satisfied, and every painter is now in the union. The cigar makers were the first to demonstrate the merits of the system, and their experience has been realized by all. The prime purpose of the system is to absorb the surplus labor of the country, put and keep all persons at work, and then exhaust the surplus of production. In the time we claim the system is of great benefit to the whole country. As another result, we find workmen are getting better wages. The cigar-makers illustrate this. They worked by piece before and since, but actually make more working eight hours than ten. We do not know why this is, but something is accomplished at any rate, the fact is as I tell you. Another claim for the system is to remove the bad effects of substitution of machinery for hand labor and to give the laborer his share of the results of improved machinery. Eventually, however, the labor of the country must come to be properly shared in the results. This complication, however, is yet in the future, and the emergency must be met as it arises, just as all labor questions must be that are yet to be settled."

"What influence will the system have on strikes?" the reporter asked. "There will be no general strike under the system, and local strikes will be ordered for the most part to force some non-union man into the federation. But these are becoming rarer because the justice of our claims is becoming so apparent to all that the opposition grows less and less. There is a stronger disposition than ever to push the eight-hour system into every branch of labor. There is no disposition anywhere to lengthen the hours of labor. The natural tendency of the age is to shorten them, as in the case of the change from twelve to ten, and now to eight. This tendency will continue, especially if there comes a time when there is another surplus of labor. Then will come another demand for fewer hours, probably seven. At the present every one is anxious to show in a year's time that good use has been made of the extra hours available to the laborer. There will be no further extension of the system this year, but we will reach out for other branches of labor next year. The policy has been to take up one trade at a time. The next class of workmen for whom eight hours will be demanded, are the miners."

"This eight-hour movement," continued Mr. Gruelle, "was begun by the American Federation of Labor. The Knights of Labor and Mr. Powderly opposed it, and managed to obstruct it. Their opposition was prompted by jealousy. But the Federation lives and the Knights of Labor are practically dead. I consider the plans of campaign inaugurated and carried out by Mr. Gompers, our president, were never excelled for successful issue. President Gompers has shown himself a great general. I believe that in three years eight hours will be the general hours of labor everywhere. There will be some strikes next year, but after that I look for the system to carry itself through. By that time it will have given employment to all of the two or two and a half million workmen who Carroll D. Wright says are not now employed."

The single tax theory being broached as a principle of labor reform, Mr. Gruelle said: "I do not think 90 per cent. of our men have any great confidence in it as a panacea for labor troubles. We regard it as a deserving reform and encourage it, but I do not believe that it will accomplish all that its ardent supporters claim for it."

"What will the federation do for unskilled labor?" "This large number is cared for by grading in unions, by the apprentice system and the mixed unions. No wage-worker will be thrown overboard. In localities where there are not enough of any one trade for a union, we will form mixed unions, in which all will be united. There are two of these now in this city, and I am about to organize one in Plainfield. Such unions will eventually be found in every town. Membership costs only 15 cents per capita per year. President Gompers draws only \$1.30 per year, while Powderly drew \$5,000, and the Knights of Labor cost \$10 to \$15 per year to each member."

Labor Notes.

The San Francisco molders made \$5,000 on a bid.

Plumbers' laborers in New York demand eight hours.

A company in New York furnishes steam at wholesale.

The San Francisco brewers have an emergency fund of \$5,000.

A Lynn firm has already conceded the Saturday half-holiday.

New York brick-layers have to fight the competition of Italian workmen.

A Chicago working-girls' club teaches dress-making, millinery, cooking, etc.

The San Francisco Butcher Union runs an employment agency and supplies the bosses.

The Chicago brick-makers gained the point that 7,000 bricks shall constitute a day's work.

Prominent men and leading clergymen in New York are aiding the demand for seats for the girls in stores.

One of Chicago's leading general stores now works 530 cash-girls only eight hours and has them at school two hours.

The competition of Russians and Polish Hebrews in New York has reduced the pay of shirt-making from 35 to 25 cents a dozen.

Cigar-makers in one New York shop want higher wages and object to a foreman who makes them play pool with him and lose their money.

The sewing girls of the city will be addressed next Saturday night at Mass. Hall by D. F. Kennedy. There are five hundred of them, and at the meeting their condition and needs will be discussed.

The Leather Federation of San Francisco, composed of tanners, curriers, shoe and harness-makers, has a committee out among the unions showing the superiority of local union work over that of Chinese and Eastern-made shoes.

The following are the weekly wages of London women workers: Artificial flowers, \$1 to \$4.50; book-binding, \$2.25 to \$4; boxes, \$2 to \$5; brushes, \$2 to \$4; confectionery, \$2 to \$4.50; collars, \$2.75 to \$4.25; caps, \$2 to \$5; corsets, \$2 to \$5; fur sewing, \$1.75 to \$4.50; fur sewing (in winter), \$1; matches, \$2 to \$4.25; rope, \$2 to \$2.75; umbrellas, \$2.50 to \$5.

Receiver Bradley's Report.

Some time ago John L. Blackman brought suit against the Supreme Lodge, United Order of Honor, alleging that the organization was insolvent, and asking that a receiver be appointed. Judge Taylor appointed Giles S. Bradley, and an accounting was at once begun. The latter filed a report yesterday showing total receipts amounting to \$1,258.17, with an expenditure of \$187.38, leaving a balance on hand of \$1,070.79. Mr. Bradley also asked for an allowance for his services and those of his attorney, and for instructions in regard to the payment of some costs. Judge Taylor ordered \$500 to be paid to A. F. Penny, \$250 to Mr. Bradley and \$74.40 to County Clerk Wilson for costs.

McCormick's Supreme Candidate.

P. H. McCormick, of Columbus, was in the city yesterday, and fairly bubbled over in his exuberance at his prospects for capturing the Democratic nomination for State Treasurer. "I have a sure thing," said he, "and Albert Gall and the rest of 'em won't be it. Only one bid will be needed to settle the matter, and I'll win in a canter." In spite of his apparent confidence, candidate McCormick will probably

not relax his efforts. Sure things in politics are pretty scarce, and if he has found one it will bear close watching from now until the convention is over.

Diphtheria Has Disappeared.

Diphtheria has disappeared, and it is not thought any further trouble at this time need be feared from the disease. Scarlatina and measles are still prevalent in certain sections of the city, especially the southern, seventeen cases of each having been reported to the City Board of Health since last Monday. During the past week there were thirty-seven births and thirty-four deaths reported to the board.

PIANOS.

Brief Sketch of a New Manufacturing Interest.

Indianapolis is fast gaining eminence as a manufacturing city. Its wares are shipped extensively to every State and Territory within our boundaries, and even to European and South American states. An invitation a Journal representative yesterday made a hasty inspection of Messrs. Roberts & Allison's upright piano manufacturing plant, at 85 and 87 East South street, and found a well-equipped piano factory, with improved machinery, which has sprung up in our midst unannounced and apparently unnoted, within the past year. Pianos prepared for shipment, down through the various stages of incompleteness, meet the visitor's eye in the various departments which occupy the several floors of the factory, and worked by a large force of skilled workmen. Messrs. Roberts & Allison are gentlemen of fine business qualifications, thoroughly reliable, and possessing much experience in the construction of musical instruments, having been engaged in the musical-instrument trade about twenty years, and having practical knowledge of the mechanism and nice points of piano construction. They give the business their entire personal attention, and the inspection of every instrument as it passes through each stage of manufacture, is a daily duty at this factory. Besides using the very best and thoroughly seasoned woods, the factory is heated throughout by natural gas, and a piano that goes through such an ordeal of hot, dry air will afterwards resist any climatic changes or influences. Under these conditions these gentlemen are turning out instruments that meet with universal favor, and within the past ten days orders have been received from Colorado, Texas, Arkansas and New York. They make several different styles of pianos, and are now completing arrangements to enlarge their business and double the capacity of the factory. They also manufacture pianos for other piano establishments. The retail trade of this factory in Indianapolis and vicinity is controlled by Emil Welschmer, the popular North Pennsylvania-street dealer.

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On Monday, and until all are sold, we offer you:
35 dozen Ladies' Unbleached Cotton Hose, full regular made, 15c.
20 dozen Ladies' Unbleached Hose, ribbed, 20c.
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